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(as amended)

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Sir:

In response to the requirement in 37 C.F.R. §1.2, 37 C.F.R. §1.133, and MPEP §713.04, that Applicant provides a statement of the substance of an interview, Applicant hereby submits the following summary.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges Examiner Pardo for taking time from her busy schedule to conduct a personal interview on April 28, 2004, for the above-referenced Application. The interview was courteous and professional, and it is believed by Applicant's representative that prosecution has been advanced because of this interview.

Concerning the substance of the interview, Applicant's representative presented a summary of the present invention as, for example, described by claim 38 as including a feature that the memory objects are embedded in a data structure. The memory object data structure contains a component for pointing to the next memory object data structure.

In constrast, even though the term "data structure" is used in the Houldsworth prior art

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reference, that reference uses the term in the sense of the data structures 54,56,58 shown in Figure 5. These data structures are not used to embed the memory objects and do not, therefore, contain a component that points to the next object in memory.

The Examiner seemed to recognize the significance of this difference in the "data structure" of Houldsworth from that of the present invention and indicated that she would consider the representative's explanation during her evaluation of the RCE filed March 29, 2004.

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